

COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

HARDENING AND DRYING OF LACQUER SYSTEMS AND PRINTING COLORS

the specification of which (check only one item below):

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed as United States application
- Serial No. _____
- on _____
- and was amended
- on _____ (if applicable).
- ☒ was filed as PCT international application

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 or 365 (b) of the following United States provisional application(s) and of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

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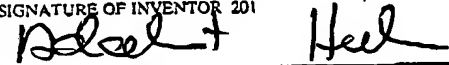
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